**FOCUS** in 2020

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**REVELATION - *Listen Up–*** Revelation 2-3

Revelation is a **picture** book ... not a **puzzle** book.

As you read Revelation, a great game plan is to:

**Praise** the Lord.

**Cheer** for the saints.

**Detest** the beast.

**Long** for the final victory.

 **Pattern of the Letters to the Churches:**

Description– Compliment – Correction – Counsel – Motivation

The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. **Revelation 2:1**

The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

**Revelation 2:8**

The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

**Revelation 2:12**

The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. **Revelation 2:18**

The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.  **Revelation 3:1**

The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

**Revelation 3:7**

The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. **Revelation 3:14**

**When Jesus speaks … listen up.**

We who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29,3:6, 3:13, 3:22**

**What is Jesus saying to me as he addresses the seven churches?**

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|  |  | **Compliment** | **Correction** | **Counsel** |
| Ephesus | 2:1-7 | Vigilant, Enduring | Loss of first love | Remember. Repent, do what did at first |

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| Smyrna | 2:8-11 | Spiritually rich,Enduring | None | Be faithful to death |

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| Pergamum | 2:12-17 | Holding fast,Not denying faith | False teaching | Repent |

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| Thyatira | 2:18-29 | Growing love, deeds | Lack of discernment, tolerate heresy | Hold fast and keep Christ’s works to the end |

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| Sardis | 3:1-6 | A few remain pure and loyal | Dead works | Hold fast what you have |

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| Philadelphia | 3:7-13 | Enduring, keeping God’s word | None | Keep the Word and repent |

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| Laodicea | 3:14-22 | None | Spiritually blind, bankrupt | Be zealous and repent |

There are **consequences** for not listening up.

 **Revelation 2:5b, 2:16b, 2:22-23a, 3:3b, 3:16**

There are **rewards** for listening up.

 **Revelation 2:7b, 2:10b, 17b, 2:26-28, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21**

Let **go** to hold **on**.